

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, February 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman; Tom Crosby, Supervisor

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator
Paul Correa, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Tim Mattix, Interim Clerk of the Board
Camila Rochin, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Mark Dannels, Sheriff
Thomas Alinen, Chief of Staff
Randal Wilson, Sergeant
Tim Williams, Sergeant
Kenneth Bradshaw, Jail Commander
Daniel Duchon, Budget Manager

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Sheriff's Office

1. Discussion regarding the following Agreements with the State of Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA):
 - Agreement M21-0079 (\$675,000), for Pilot Program to Reduce Human Trafficking;
 - Agreement M21-0080 (\$1,100,000), for Arizona Border Region Enforcement Equipment;
 - Agreement M21-0081 (\$3,700,000), for Human Trafficking Prevention and Entry into the United States Prevention; and
 - Agreement M21-0082 (\$7,360,000), for Border Related Crimes, Prosecution and Imprisonment.

Sheriff Dannels presented this item. He recognized all those involved with the agreements, which provide total funding of \$12,835,000; the agreements will bring financial relief to the County for costs spent on border-related activity. The County leads the nation in 10,000 getaways per month; the Sheriff's Office is taking a proactive approach on border security. From July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, the

financial impact to the Jail was over \$830,000; from April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, approximately 750 calls for service were border-related.

Sheriff Dannels and Sergeant Williams reviewed Agreement M21-0080, which is to expand the virtual camera system (System). Sergeant Williams reviewed the Southeast Arizona Border Regional Enforcement (SABRE) Unit; the System, which was created in 2017; the number of encounters seen on the System; benefits of the System; and, county and law enforcement partners.

Sheriff Dannels and Sergeant Williams reviewed Agreement M21-0079, which is for an artificial intelligence program by Cogniac Corporation to assist in reviewing and reducing the number of images captured by the System that need to be reviewed by staff.

The Board and Sheriff Dannels discussed camera locations in smuggling corridors; camera placement is not disclosed for security purposes. All cameras are in the United States as Sheriff Dannels' authority is within the State of Arizona.

Sheriff Dannels and Chief Alinen reviewed Agreement M21-0081, for the following: vehicles and equipment; personnel for a criminal interdiction team; 100% of Employee-Related Expenses (ERE); and supplies, such as radios for search and rescue volunteers. He provided additional information about the criminal interdiction team functions. Chief Alinen and Mr. Duchon stated that the County portion of ERE costs is covered; employees will still pay their portion.

The Board, Sheriff Dannels, and Chief Alinen discussed grant oversight and management; the equipment not including weapons and uniforms; and, the goal being to not cost the County anything.

Sheriff Dannels reviewed Agreement M21-0082, which is for cost reimbursement, including overtime expenses incurred by the Sheriff's Office; Prosecution costs for the County Attorney's Office; and, Jail expenses. Sheriff Dannels reviewed the costs incurred by each regarding border-related crime.

The Board, Sheriff Dannels, and Mr. Karwaczka discussed various topics regarding border security and enforcement in general; the use of the word "prevention" of illegal entry; the wording of A.R.S. § 26-105, which established the Border Security Fund; the impact of existing measures, such as the camera system, on the ability to respond to encounters; and, the Sheriff's Office interaction with Customs and Border Protection.

Chairman English noted that the agreements will go before the Board on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 for action.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Interim Clerk of the Board